

Stanton Spectator. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Thunder-Storm - A Rain-Pour of Rain.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Lillian S. Henshaw and her two young children, Mrs. M. E. Church, South, are at the Hotel Mozart, visiting Major and Mrs. Jas. B. Dorman. Her husband, P. T. Henshaw, Esq., brought the party to Stanton and has since returned to his home.

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MASSIE-WADDY.

At Buena Vista, Tuesday morning, June 10th, St. John M. E. Church, South, was the scene of one of the prettiest marriages of the season.

The church was tastefully and beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens for the occasion.

Promptly at 9:45 the wedding march was sounded by Mrs. Shirey, the accomplished wife of Mr. Wm. H. Shirey of that city and at the sound of the music the wedding party entered the church. Up the middle aisle marched the six bridesmaids—Messrs. J. L. Waddy, brother of the bride, R. J. Snapp, Wm. M. Brown, H. T. Houston, and Drs. J. H. Mapp and W. H. Gikison. Up the right aisle came the groom, Dr. C. W. Massie, leaning on the arm of his best man, Mr. J. R. Milliner, of Lynchburg, and up the left aisle came the bride, Miss Maggie Harris Waddy, leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. J. W. Waddy, formerly of Greenville and Stanton, Va.

The bride was preceded by two pretty little flower girls, Manie Waddy and Cornelia Sterrett, each carrying a lovely basket of flowers. The bride and groom met at the altar under a beautiful arch of evergreens where the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. D. Martin—the pastor—in the presence of a crowded house. The bride was dressed in handsome light gray travelling costume with hat and gloves to match and carried a superb bunch of Marechal Neil roses.

Returning from the church, the bridal party started for the residence of the groom's father, a lovely "Old Virginia home" in Amherst county, where a reception will be given there.

The presents were numerous and handsome. Previous to the ceremony, the bride and groom, attended by a host of friends and relatives, partook of a sumptuous breakfast at the residence of the bride's father. The table was beautifully adorned with flowers and loaded down with all the luxuries and substantial of the season.

At the meeting of the Council last night it was resolved to lay vitrified paving brick from Augusta street along Frederick to Lewis street, thence along Lewis to Beverley; and also from Augusta street, along New Court House, and Greenville Avenue to the Valley Depot upon the same terms as heretofore.

There was a considerable amount of business transacted, but none of importance, except the above.

Closing Exercises of the Valley High School. STANTON, WEDNESDAY, June 13, 1882. Old Providence Church, was crowded last evening, with fair maidens and gallant swains, to witness the third Annual Celebration of the "Grier" Literary Society of the Valley High School, conducted by Prof. A. E. Bell, of New West, S. C. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. C. D. Waller, followed with an address by the President, Mr. J. A. McClure.

Program. DECLARATION. "Ballad Reflected," by E. H. Markwood. "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," by E. Fulcher. "The New South," by W. W. McClure. "Ancient and Modern Oratory," by W. A. Rowan.

Which offers the greater inducement to a young man to leave his country—the Profession of Politics? Affirmative—C. C. Cash, C. D. McCormick. Negative—A. W. McClure, H. J. Williams, Jr.

Revs. S. W. Haddon, C. D. Waller, and Mr. Wm. Buckley, as Judges, decided in favor of the affirmative. Marzials.—Charles Harris, L. W. Taylor. There were no medals awarded, but the following gained proficiency in their studies: C. C. Cash, F. E. Fulwider, A. H. Markwood, A. W. McClure, W. W. McClure, H. J. Williams, Jr., Misses Grace Lyle, Dell Wilson, and Ella Rowan.

The exercise closed with an address by Hon. H. J. Williams, teeming with good advice to the young men. All expressed themselves well pleased and after congratulations dispersed.

For the Spectator. I see from the papers, that the Board of Supervisors have appropriated \$15,000 to macadamize the road from Middlebrook road to Stanton. The Visitor says it will not increase the road taxes. How is this, and where does the money come from to do this work? Our people have not forgotten that when some years ago, a few individuals undertook, in the Legislature, to empower the Supervisors to issue County bonds to macadamize the leading thoroughfares running into Stanton, our able and able Representative, the Hon. Absolom Koiner, blocked the scheme, and he was presented, by saying that he had not heard from his constituents on the matter. If the Supervisors had no power then, where do they get their power now? North River is the only District in the county that has no Railroad facilities, and but one school house, as a recompense, for the large amount of road tax which she pays annually. I appeal to the merchants of Stanton to say if there is not more produce hauled to their city from this district than any other in the county. The Legislature has gone along and made it so that a few individuals rule the County Court, and Supervisors, to divert the road from the Railroad to Stanton, and let North River go where the Woodbine towneth.

Our people want fair play. They want to have the money of the taxpayers gone. They would like to see an itemized account so that they can see who gets it. Our people want a Macadamized road to Stanton, or at least a portion of it. There is no more fertile land in the Valley, than Long Glade, Mossy Creek, North River, and the Middlebrook road, and let the Circuit Court decide. All we want is an equal division of the funds paid in under our present road system. Whilst our roads have been somewhat improved, we must say that the present system is a failure, for no day has passed but the money collected for the purposes goes directly to the roads. The County Treasurer sends out 5 per cent; the Commissioner of the Revenue a per cent; the Board of Supervisors 7 per cent, and the balance to Overseers and new roads. The roads ought to be let out to contract and worked on as needed. In this way a man just gets paid for what he does.

North River. Boils, carbuncles, and eruptions of all kinds are nature's efforts to throw off poison from the blood. This result may be accomplished much more effectively, as well as agreeably, through the proper excretory channels, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

FOR MUSIC LOVERS. BRAINARD'S MUSICAL WORLD FOR JUNE contains a fine portrait and interesting sketch of the author of the famous "The Song of Kathleen Mavourneen," and a large amount of other choice reading matter. It also contains "Kathleen Mavourneen" for piano by Richards; "Barceuse" (Cradle Song) for piano by Renard; and "The Water Lily," arranged for piano by Otto Dressel. Besides these piano pieces it contains the latest popular success, "Song of the Nightingale," as sung by Marie Tempest in "Tyrolean." The music in this number is alone worth \$2.00. Mailed postpaid for 15 cents in stamps, or three back numbers mailed for 25 cents. Published monthly at \$1.50 per year.

THE MUSICIAN'S GUIDE (Spring Edition 1892) contains 212 pages of musical information, biographies of 190 musicians, with 25 portraits, a "Teachers' Guide" and other valuable features. Three new songs—"Kathleen Mavourneen," "Last Night," and "That is Loving," and two piano pieces, "Sounds from the Ball-room" and "Stolen Kisses"—Gavotte. Mailed free for eight two-cent stamps, from the World and Guide, containing the above piano songs and pieces mailed for twelve two-cent stamps. Address, The S. Brainard's Sons Co., Chicago, Ill.

THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA.

STANTON, THE "QUEEN CITY OF THE VALLEY"—ITS LOCATION—NATURAL ADVANTAGES—INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT—ENTERPRISE, ETC.

No. 4. [Some weeks ago, Mr. S. J. Barnett, editor of the Delta Herald, an independent newspaper, published at Delta, York county, Pa., paid a visit to this city and other places in this Valley, and since his return published an interesting article about the places he visited. The 4th number is about Stanton, which we copy from his paper of June 2nd, as follows:]

In our last letter we alluded to Stanton as the chief city in the Valley of the Shenandoah river, and we thought Stanton upon a place of some note, but when we saw the city, its buildings, streets, public and private enterprises, and had mingled with its men of business, we felt like the queen of Sheba when she beheld the wisdom of the Solomon in his superlative, its schools and churches, its size, its wealth, its industrial development, the wealth of its surroundings in mineral and agricultural products, Stanton is beyond question the

"QUEEN CITY OF THE VALLEY." Stanton is the county seat of Augusta county, one of the richest in the State, and its location is one of the most favorable for the development has been compared to Lancaster county, Pa. The Valley at this point is 20 or 25 miles in width, with Stanton near the center, and distant from Harper's Ferry, Md. This distance is a gentle grade, and as the communication here is by rail, averaging 8 to 10 feet to the mile, and giving Stanton an elevation of about 1,450 feet. The site of the city is not a level spot as might be supposed, but is built on quite rolling ground. A short distance from the city, in the direction of being a beautiful rounded mountain called *Beauty Hill* and *Mary's Gout*. These mountains were so called by the Scotch-Irish settlers from two similar mountains in the north of Ireland, which in 1760 were named, it is said, from a so-called romantic story of two lovely Scotch ladies of noble birth, who died in early womanhood during a pestilence.

When the Scotch-Irish entered this Valley they quickly discerned the advantages of this site from the standpoint of trade as well as from the standpoint of the North American Indians, who traveled the Valley of Virginia in their journeys north and south. Through passes in the Alleghany and Blue Ridge mountains they also at this point crossed the Valley east and west, journeying by the Chesapeake Bay, or westward to hunting deer, wild turkeys, etc., in the great wooded mountains. Where these two Indian trails crossed each other, forming a kind of

INDIAN X-ROADS, the city of Stanton was laid out in 1748, and incorporated the following year. The Indian trails developed into highways, emigrant and military roads, and the city of Stanton, the Harper's Ferry was built. Finally rail roads followed, the Baltimore & Ohio traversing the Valley north and south, and the Chesapeake & Ohio crossing nearly at right angles in the city of Stanton, and following the Indian trail east and west through the mountain passes.

Aided by its very favorable location, Stanton at once assumed, and has ever since maintained a position of great importance in the Valley, and for hundreds of miles east and west. In the early days of settlement the settlers fostered the spirit of liberty, and here during the Revolutionary War Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee and other great sons of the Old Dominion took counsel together. Here, too, when the Indian trail crossed the mountain passes, the General Assembly of the State held its sessions, meeting in the old Episcopal church.

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